

# Guide to Selecting Dinnerware

Choosing the right types of dinnerware for your venue can save you money and lots of headaches. From size and shape to colour and composition, the possibilities for dinnerware seem endless and can be overwhelming. We've provided a selection guide below to assist you in learning more about your options and the choices you will have to make when determining what dinnerware to purchase.



## PORCELAIN

Made of clay that's malleable and great for forming detailed shapes. It is created in a two-firing process where it becomes vitrified during the second firing, making porcelain an extremely durable dinnerware option. While the finish is hard, it is still more brittle compared to china, which also makes it a more affordable option compared to traditional china or bone china. Dishwasher, microwave, and oven safe.



## CHINA

Made of clay that's malleable and great for forming detailed shapes. It is created and becomes vitrified in a single-firing process and is an extremely durable dinnerware option. China is a perfect option from the everyday, casual bar to fine dining experience and is available in a variety of colors, shapes, and design options. Dishwasher, microwave, and oven safe.



## BONE CHINA

Made of clay that contains at least 25% bone ash, and will typically be the most expensive type of chinaware. Vitrified in a single-firing process, this adds to its durable construction, most bone china products feature glazes that protect them from chipping and scratching. Bone china is thin-walled for a delicate, refined look, making it lighter than porcelain and china and perfect for upscale establishments. Most pieces are dishwasher, microwave, and oven safe.



## STONEWARE

Stoneware is fired to a fully vitrified or semi vitrified state, making it hard, dense, and more durable than earthenware. Due to its versatile use and variety of glazes, Stoneware is a great choice for any Asian restaurant, upscale bistro, or catering company that needs attractive yet functional dinnerware. It is also microwave and dishwasher safe.



## EARTHENWARE

Earthenware is clay that has been fired at and glazed to a non-vitreous state. It is light weight, yet still durable and has excellent heat conduction. Typically, this type of dinnerware is the least expensive due to its simple firing process and porous state. Earthenware is great for adding a more rustic feel to your food and table setting. It is recommended to be hand washed only.